

REMARKS

This is a Response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2002. Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application.

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-29 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. In particular, the Examiner stated that:

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

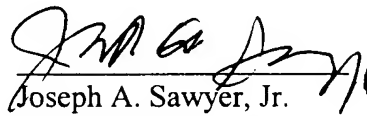
I: Claims 16 to 29, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 734.

II: Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of providing an interconnect to a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 15+..

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 16-29, with traverse.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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